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American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith copy of report No. 6260, dated May 18, 1925, from the Military Attache to the American Embassy in Spain, on the subject of "New Regulations Governing Decorations and Awards". In transmitting this report, the Military Attache stated that the Ambassador recently received a request from you for such information.

Very truly yours,

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: 6260 - DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

Military Attache, Madrid

SP-3303 May 18, 1925

NEW REGULATIONS GOVERNING DECORATIONS AND AWARDS

Diario Oficial No. 60, dated March 17.25 published the new regulations governing military decorations.

These regulations compile the many dispositions issued regarding awards. The cross of "Maria Cristina" which was discontinued by the law dated June 29/19 is reinstated. A new decoration "Medalla Militar" (Military Medal) bicolor, is established to reward meritorious services in connection with military operations, rendered without actual combat against the enemy.

A list of military decorations now existing, follows:

Name of Decoration	When created	To whom awarded	Character of services Justifying award	Extra pay
Cross of Military Merit distinctive color, red	December 30/1889	Officers, enlisted and civilian cooperating with military forces	Individual merit directly influencing the success of a military operation.	No pay for Officers. Enlisted may have a pension from ptas. 12.50 to pts. 25.-a month during 5 years, or for life.
Cross of "Maria Cristina".	Jan. 30, 1890 Discontinued June 19/18 Reinstated March 16/25	Officers and Enlisted	Very distinguished individual merit. Conditions similar to those required for promotion.	Pension ranging from ptas.750.0(to 3,750 ptas. (year for officers. From 500 to 675 pts. for enlisted. Duration of pensio 5 years.
Military Medal	June 29/18	Officers and Enlisted	Remarkable deeds facing the enemy	No pension
Cross of "San Fernando."	June 29/18	Officers and Enlisted	Very exceptional heroic deeds or feats.	With lautels: From 1,500 t 7,500 ptas. (year for officers. From 1,000 to 1,250 ptas f Enlisted. Plain: From 300 to 1500 p a year for Officers. From 200 to 250 for Enlisted.
Medal of suffering for the Country	July 7/21	Officer and Enlisted	Awarded to those wounded and captured in meritorious instances	That of war prisoners, without pension; for wounded: Off, from

500 to 10,000 ptas. a year. Maximum period of pension 2 years. Enlisted, from 300 to 600 pta a year during 5 years.

Cross of Military Merit, bicolor	July 7, 1921	Officers and Enlisted	Meritorious war services not while in active combat	No pension

Besides the foregoing crosses and medals, there exist, (a), the award of citation of "distinguished" in the General Order of the Army, in case of services which justify it(to be entered on the "record" of service" or "efficiency report"); and (b), promotion to the next higher grade for war merit. Instead of promotion to the higher grade, the Cross of "Maria Cristina" or that of Military Merit, with red distinctive color,may be awarded. (Note.) The Artillery and Engineers do not accept promotions for "War Merit" - The decorations with extra pay will serve to compensate them.

Collective awards may be granted to Military Units.

Commanding Generals are authorized to grant all awards for enlisted personnel including promotion up to warrant officer, on the field of action, without previous proposal.

June 8, 1925

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Dear Sir:

Your letter of the fifth enclosing copy of report 62600, dated May 18, 1925, from the Military Attache to the American Embassy in Spain, on the subject of "New Regulations Governing Decorations and Awards," is received.

Thank you very much indeed. I will transmit this to the member who is concerned and you will doubtless receive a further acknowledgment from him in due course.

I very much appreciate your courtesy.

Very truly yours

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Secretary